

**REMARKS**

The Examiner is requiring a substitute specification since “the Pre-Amendment filed 02/08/02 does not conform to the Specification as originally filed.” Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner and require withdrawal of the requirement. Specifically, a review of the preliminary amendment shows that the specification (amended portions) match the specification as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Only grammatical and non-substantive changes have been made the specification, which changes are perfectly acceptable according to USPTO practice.

Claims 1-8 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. Specifically, the Examiner contends that the claims contain subject matter which was not described in the specification since there are “problems with the Pre-Amendment.” Again, Applicants respectfully disagree. The amendments made to the claims are for grammatical purposes and do not add any new matter.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned for any additional explanation. Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that any Office Action in response to this reply should not be made final since the Examiner had not properly rejected the specification and claims.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 449122020500. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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